

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Keough and was held at 3515 Broad St., Dexter, MI 48130.

B. ROLL CALL:

Sanam Aldag – Present
Jamie Griffin – Present
Wa-Louisa Hubbard – Present
Zach Michels – Present
Dan Schlaff – Present
Joe Semifero – Present
Mayor Shawn Keough – Present

Student Representatives:
Bonnie Keating – Present
Adam DeGregorio – Absent

Also attending: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager; Tim Stewart, Public Services Superintendent; Marie Sherry, Treasurer; Megan Masson-Minock, Carlisle-Wortman Associates; Georgia Frost, Recording Secretary; residents; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council Work Session Meeting – January 23, 2023
2. City Council Meeting – January 23, 2023
3. City Council Work Session Meeting – February 4, 2023

Motion Griffin; support Hubbard to approve all listed meeting minutes.

- Change the adjournment time on the February 4, 2023 minutes from 7:03pm to 12:25pm.

Ayes: Semifero, Schlaff, Hubbard, Griffin, Aldag, Michels, Keough
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carries

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION – None

E. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Donna Fisher 3035 Inverness indicated that there were issues with site lines related to the podium in the City Council Chamber.

John Coy spoke on the new zoning ordinance and its relation to his property on Huron Street. He stated that he appreciates the Planning Commission including multi-family provisions.

F. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Schlaff; support Griffin to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Aldag, Semifero, Schlaff, Griffin, Michels, Hubbard, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List

J. REPORTS:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Tim Stewart

Mr. Stewart provided his written report as per packet.

- Hubbard commented about staff fixing equipment listed in the provided report. Stewart provided supplemental information about whether fixing things is done in-house.
- We are dealing with the replacement of a culvert on Parker Rd. by the Washtenaw County Road Commission, and the location of the sewer line. We may need to work with utilities.
- Schlaff stated that the schools were not involved in the sewer process before. (Stewart: I am no longer in the field all of the time, but we try to stay apprised of Miss Dig requests and inform the Schools, where appropriate).

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submitted her written report as per packet.

- A Council Member asked if there was an update on a Dover Street property, to which Aniol responded that it is a resolved issue and that it will be removed from the packet.
- Ms. Aniol suggested that City Council review the packet's Verizon 5G information.

3. Board, Commission, & Other Reports - “Bi-annual or as needed”

The Washtenaw County Sheriff submitted a report as per packet. The Sheriff was not present.

4. Subcommittee Reports – None

5. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer

Mr. Breyer submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Breyer provided the following updates:

- The Farmers Market Manager is looking to make changes for the market, including time.
 - A Council Member expressed concern about the entire market duration being changed.
- Breyer’s report included the Bicentennial Subcommittee’s proposed slogans. Aldag stated that City Council may need to give the Bicentennial Subcommittee a definitive opinion regarding their proposed slogans.

Motion Hubbard; support Griffin to adopt the second presented slogan, “Celebrating our past. Embracing our future.” Unanimous voice vote approval.

Ayes: Semifero, Hubbard, Griffin, Aldag, Schlaff, Michels, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

- Breyer provided updates on the 3045 Broad Street property, and indicated that digging that has taken place on-site possibly created some issues. This is being addressed by the City Attorney and other relevant staff.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

Mr. Keough submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Keough provided the following updates:

- March 11th is a firm date for the next City Council goal-setting session.

7. Council Member Reports –

- Council Member Michels noted that he attended the Michigan Municipal League’s Legislative Committee kickoff where he learned that there was significant interest in energy, environment, and housing legislatively. They announced Michigan Spark Grant approvals. Dexter did not qualify for this threshold. Budget package will include parts for housing, placemaking, and a fund intended for site consolidation. Michels was excited to hear about the surplus of funding. Next meeting is 3/20/23.
 - Breyer noted that while Dexter did not qualify for the 1st round of Spark Grant funding, the City will continue to apply for consequent funding rounds. Dexter will soon receive an overall score and learn how the City can improve in its funding application process.

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion Hubbard; support Griffin to approve items 1 through 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Griffin, Schlaff, Semifero, Aldag, Michels, Hubbard, Keough

Nays: None

Motion Carries

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: City Council Rules

City Council discussed the following related to the Council Rules document:

- Council Member Michels reviewed some of the proposed changes included in the draft document that he provided.
- Reviewing the proposed rule changes side-by-side.
- Members of Council expressed appreciation for Council Member Michels' work.
- Some members of Council expressed that they liked the proposed new format, but there may be substantive changes that are not agreeable, such as filling Council vacancies.
- Enforcement of current rules.
- Rules regarding addressing the chair, addressing fellow Council Members, and public comment time limits.
- Questions were posed related to areas of the proposed draft document that were not complete.
- This will be on the next agenda.

M. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Zoning Ordinance Update

Motion Michels; support Griffin to approve the Zoning Ordinance update, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion Semifero; support Hubbard to amend the motion to add changing Forest Street from an A street to a downtown B street as well as to amend packet page #518 so that new mid-block curb cuts may be established on downtown B roads.

Ayes: Semifero, Griffin, Hubbard, Aldag, Schlaff, Keough

Nays: Michels

Motion Carries

Vote on original motion with amendment:

Ayes: Michels, Semifero, Schlaff, Griffin, Hubbard, Aldag, Keough

Nays: None

Motion Carries

2. Consideration of: Continued Participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

Motion Michels; support Griffin to continue City Council's involvement in Redevelopment Ready Communities.

Ayes: Griffin, Semifero, Michels

Nays: Aldag, Hubbard, Schlaff, Keough

Absent: None

Motion Fails

3. Consideration of: Direction on Water Tower Painting

Motion Griffin; support Michels to approve the design of the water tower with the white background and black text without the gazebo symbol.

Motion Griffin; support Semifero to amend the original motion to use a white background, black lettering, and the 2nd font option for the water tower.

Ayes: Hubbard, Griffin, Schlaff, Semifero, Michels, Aldag, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

Vote on original motion with amendment:

Ayes: Griffin, Schlaff, Michels, Hubbard, Aldag, Semifero, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

4. Discussion of: Naming Policy

Council Member Michels indicated that he spoke with the Dexter School Board, who informed him that there is a naming process the Schools follow. He presented the Schools naming policy to Council. City Council discussed the following related to a naming policy:

- Timeliness of Council's discussion on how the City names things considering upcoming projects.
- Frequency of naming public buildings and facilities. aps this action is unnecessary.
- The process for how Mill Creek Park North was renamed, which Keough stated did not receive much discussion or controversy.
- Staff was asked to collect other communities' policies and bring this item back for discussion at a later date.

5. Discussion of: Public Safety Facilities

Breyer mentioned that there were questions at the last meeting regarding public safety facilities, and City staff has worked with DAFD Chief Armstrong to gather additional information for presentation to City Council. Council discussed the following related to public safety facilities:

- Griffin asked about EMS dispatching which depends on the staffing. Griffin questioned whether or not there are additional vehicles needed.

Motion Semifero; support Hubbard to designate the current fire station location at 8140 Main Street as the continuing site of the fire station in the City of Dexter and directs staff and consultants to proceed with the renovation and enhancement of the current station at 8140 Main Street.

Motion Michels; support Griffin to postpone and add this item as consideration for the February 27, 2023 agenda.

Vote on motion to postpone the item:

Ayes: Michels, Griffin, Hubbard, Aldag, Schlaff, Keough

Nays: Semifero

Absent: None

Motion Carries

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Michelle Aniol mentioned that as this City Council meeting had taken place, there was an ongoing mass shooting at Michigan State University.

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS (paraphrased or summarized by Recording Secretary)

Schlaff: None

Aldag: None

Griffin: Offered to provide additional information about points she made during earlier meeting discussion.

Michels: None

Hubbard: Highlighted the Dexter High School theatre production currently being performed.

Semifero: None

P. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Future agenda items were discussed during prior business items.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Hubbard; support Aldag to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Frost
Recording Secretary

Approved for Filing: _____